

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 6 are pending in this application. Both of the pending independent claims have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by the '371 patent. On pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner details what is believed to be a number of elements from Claims 1 and 6 that are found in the '371 reference. However, the Applicant respectfully disagrees that all of the claim elements from Claims 1 and 6 are found in the '371 patent.

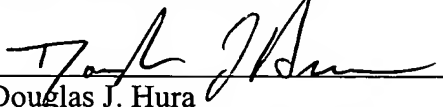
The Applicant does not admit that the '371 patent discloses a stripper ring that is comparable in operation to that recited in Claims 1 and 6. However, in the spirit of compact prosecution, the Applicant also respectfully notes that nothing in the '371 patent discloses, teaches or suggests a syringe having a power drive unit that is useful for selecting the drive rate of the drive motor and "at least one secondary injection control mechanism located approximate to said syringe unit." As presently recited in both Claims 1 and 6, there are therefore, two control mechanisms. The '371 patent clearly discloses only one.

For these reasons, the Applicants firmly believe that Claims 1 and 6 as presently pending are fully allowable over the art of record including notably, the '371 patent. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to again consider the application and to issue a Formal Notice of Allowance for Claims 1 and 6.

Should the Examiner care to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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